

Senate Resolution 1080

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Goggans of the 7th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Dr. Lynda D. Woodruff Appreciation Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for over 30 years Dr. Woodruff has selflessly given of her time, resources, and
3 tireless energy to personally impact the physical therapy profession in a positive manner; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in the first graduate
5 program of physical therapy at Case Western Reserve University in 1971 and her Ph.D. from
6 Georgia State University in 1984; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff made history as the first African American to join the physical
8 therapy department as an assistant professor of physical therapy in the Division of Physical
9 Therapy School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff accepted a position in 1978 as an assistant professor of physical
11 therapy at Georgia State University, where she directed the award winning programs for
12 minority student recruitment and retention implemented by Dr. Pat Yarbrough, before being
13 elevated to associate professor with tenure; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff served as a full professor at North Georgia College and State
15 University from 1996 to 2005; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in July 1991, Dr. Woodruff was appointed as a full professor with tenure and
17 the founding chairperson of the department of physical therapy at North Georgia College in
18 Dahlonega, Georgia, the state university system's first post baccalaureate physical therapy
19 education program; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions
21 including the APTA Lucy Blair Award, the Kellogg Fellowship for International Leadership,

1 and the Distinguished Service Award for the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology;
2 designated as a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Therapy in 2000; and received
3 a gubernatorial appointment to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy on which she
4 served for more than ten years; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff's leadership, enthusiasm, and passion for the profession is most
6 reflected in the organizations of which she is a founding member, including: the Foundation
7 for Physical Therapy, the American Academy of Physical Therapy, the Georgia Student
8 Physical Therapy Organization, the North American Association of Laser Therapy, the
9 Physical Therapy Learning Institute, and the American Congress on Electroncuromyography.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 recognize February 24, 2006, as Dr. Lynda D. Woodruff Appreciation Day in Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Lynda D. Woodruff.